

# Cigarette Tax

**TABLE 30A—CIGARETTE TAXES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS SURTAX REVENUE, 1959-60 TO 2003-04**  
(In thousands of dollars)

Fiscal year	Cigarette tax				Other tobacco products surtax	
	Revenue <sup>a</sup>	Distributors' discounts <sup>b</sup>	Gross value of tax indicia <sup>c</sup>	Refunds		
					Revenue	Rate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2003-04 .....	\$1,021,366	\$8,755	\$1,030,121	\$4,721	\$44,166	46.76%
2002-03 .....	1,031,772	8,845	1,040,617	13,248	40,996	48.89
2001-02 .....	1,067,004	9,146	1,076,150	10,774	50,037	52.65 <sup>d</sup>
2000-01 .....	1,110,692	9,503	1,120,195	8,741	52,834	54.89
1999-00 .....	1,166,880	9,980	1,176,859	9,413	66,884	66.50
1998-99 .....	841,911 <sup>a</sup>	7,206	849,117	6,808	42,137 <sup>f</sup>	61.53 <sup>f</sup>
1997-98 .....	612,066	5,244	617,309	5,448	39,617	29.37
1996-97 .....	629,579	5,394	634,973	5,060	41,590	30.38
1995-96 .....	639,030	5,469	644,499	6,193	32,788	31.20
1994-95 .....	656,923	5,628	662,551	11,159	28,460	31.20
1993-94 .....	647,993 <sup>g</sup>	5,553	653,546	8,353	19,773	23.03
1992-93 .....	667,479	5,715	673,195	9,138	21,480	26.82
1991-92 .....	711,276	6,086	717,362	7,791	22,016	29.35
1990-91 .....	729,612	6,242	735,854	7,904	24,064	34.17
1989-90 .....	770,042 <sup>h</sup>	6,581	776,623	11,615	24,956 <sup>h</sup>	37.47
1988-89 .....	499,712 <sup>h</sup>	4,273	503,984	4,968	9,994 <sup>h</sup>	41.67
1987-88 .....	254,869	2,180	257,049	2,970		
1986-87 .....	257,337	2,202	259,539	2,661		
1985-86 .....	260,960	2,231	263,190	2,834		
1984-85 .....	265,070	2,267	267,337	2,390		
1983-84 .....	265,265	2,267	267,532	2,756		
1982-83 .....	273,748	2,336	276,084	2,060		
1981-82 .....	278,667	2,383	281,050	1,843		
1980-81 .....	280,087	2,395	282,482	1,567		
1979-80 .....	272,145	2,301	274,446	1,645		
1978-79 .....	270,658	2,315	272,973	1,408		
1977-78 .....	275,042	2,352	277,394	1,239		
1976-77 .....	270,502	2,315	272,817	832		
1975-76 .....	269,852	2,309	272,161	927		
1974-75 .....	264,182	2,262	266,444	745		
1973-74 .....	259,738	2,222	261,960	632		
1972-73 .....	253,089	2,167	255,256	626		
1971-72 .....	248,398	2,127	250,525	677		
1970-71 .....	240,372	2,058	242,430	552		
1969-70 .....	237,220	2,032	239,253	455		
1968-69 .....	238,836	2,046	240,882	492		
1967-68 .....	208,125 <sup>i</sup>	1,862	209,987	328		
1966-67 .....	75,659	1,543	77,202	129		
1965-66 .....	74,880	1,528	76,407	88		
1964-65 .....	74,487	1,520	76,007	61		
1963-64 .....	71,530	1,459	72,989	71		
1962-63 .....	70,829	1,445	72,274	79		
1961-62 .....	68,203	1,390	69,593	47		
1960-61 .....	66,051 <sup>j</sup>	1,675 <sup>k</sup>	67,726	76		
1959-60 .....	61,791 <sup>l</sup>	767 <sup>m</sup>	62,558	67		

a. Net of refunds for tax indicia on cigarettes that become unfit for use (See column 5).

b. A discount of .85 percent of gross value of tax indicia is granted to distributors for affixing the stamps. From July 1, 1960, until August 1, 1967, the discount rate was 2%.

c. Effective July 16, 1961, distributors have been able to purchase tax indicia on credit. Sales of indicia purchased on credit amounted to \$715,045,000 in 2003-04 and \$927,246,000 in 2002-03.

d. From July 1, 2001, through September 9, 2001, the surtax rate on smokeless tobacco ranged from 131 percent for moist snuff to 490 percent for chewing tobacco. Effective September 10, 2001, the surtax rate on smokeless tobacco was lowered to 52.65 percent.

e. Effective January 1, 1999, the overall tax rate on cigarettes was increased from 37 cents to 87 cents per pack under voter-approved proposition 10. The additional 50-cent-per-pack tax was imposed to raise funds for early childhood development programs. Excludes \$87,978,766 in 1998-99 from the floor stocks taxes for both cigarettes and other tobacco products levied on January 1, 1999.

f. From July 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998, the surtax rate was 26.17 percent for other tobacco products. Effective January 1, 1999, the new surtax imposed under proposition 10 raised the combined surtax rate to 61.53 percent for other tobacco products. The new surtax is equivalent (in terms of the wholesale costs of other tobacco products) to a 50-cent-per-pack tax on cigarettes.

g. Effective January 1, 1994, the overall tax rate on cigarettes was increased from 35 cents to 37 cents per pack. The additional 2-cent-per-pack tax was imposed to raise funds for breast cancer research and education.

h. Effective January 1, 1989, an additional 25-cent-per-pack surtax was imposed on cigarettes and a new 41.67 percent surtax was imposed on other tobacco products. Excludes \$57,927,856 in 1988-89 and \$595,000 in 1989-90 from the floor stocks tax levied on January 1, 1989.

i. Effective August 1, 1967, the tax rate was increased from 3 cents to 7 cents per pack. On October 1, 1967, the rate was further increased to 10 cents per pack, with the stipulation that 30% of the tax be allocated to cities and counties. Includes \$6,515,209 from the 4-cent-per-pack floor stocks tax levied on August 1, 1967; and \$4,889,485 from the 3-cent-per-pack floor stocks tax imposed October 1, 1967.

j. Refunds made for distributors' discounts in the 1960-61 fiscal year on purchases made in the 1959-60 fiscal year have been deducted. These refunds amounted to \$324,000.

k. Effective July 1, 1960, a discount was allowed at the time tax indicia were purchased.

l. Includes \$2,673,048 from the 3-cent-per-pack floor stocks tax imposed July 1, 1959; and also includes the amount of distributors' discounts which were refunded after purchase of indicia.

m. During July and August of 1959, the tax was collected by invoice and no discount was allowed on these collections of \$8,123,700, nor on the \$2,673,048 tax on floor stocks.